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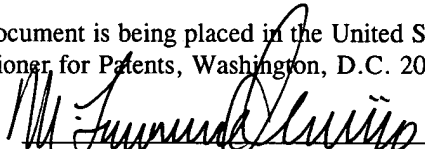
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DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

[X] This information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

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[X] Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and this

communication was not received by the office of the undersigned more than 30 days prior to filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART II: Information Cited

A. [X] The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached PTO-1449 (modified) forms. The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited on the attached PTO-1449 (modified) forms are enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached PTO-1449 (modified) forms. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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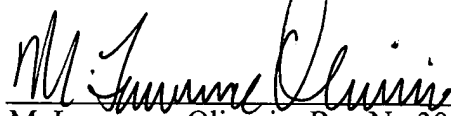
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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